

FREMANTLE TECHNICAL CLASSES.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

A large audience, including many ladies, assembled in the big class-room of the Fremantle Boys' Public School last night, the occasion being the opening of the second session of the technical classes and night-school, and the presentation of prizes to the successful students who attended last year. The chairman of the board, Mr. H. Watson Williams, presided.

The Chairman, in opening the proceedings, gave a brief and concise resume of the history of the Fremantle technical classes from their inception. These classes were originally started some years ago by the Locomotive Department as classes solely for locomotive employees, but, after a hard struggle, they fell through. In July last the evening classes were opened by Mr. Watson, the head master of the boys' school, under the auspices of the Education Department. In this movement the locomotive classes joined, and the amalgamation has proved highly successful. The Locomotive Department officials offered every incentive to the employees to attend the classes in the way of paying half-fees, and in many cases the whole fees, according to the status of those who attended. The chairman alluded to the fact that the Education Department had now found out that these classes had grown so much that they required to be placed under a separate board of management, which had recently been properly constituted, and had now assumed control.

Mr. C. Y. O'Connor, the engineer-in-chief, briefly addressed those present on the benefit of technical education to the community generally.

Mr. R. B. Campbell, the locomotive engineer, was asked to distribute the prizes, and, before doing so, he apologised for the absence of the Minister of Education and the Inspector-General of

Education and the Inspector-General of Schools. The prizes were then distributed.

THE PRIZE LIST.

Senior Classes.

Mechanics (upper).—Broadfoot, 1; Holman, 2; (lower), Cobam, 1; Bick, 2.
Electricity.—Broadfoot, 1; Holman, 2.
Steam (upper), Holman, 1; Shaw, 2; (lower), Thompson, 1; Mauermann, 2.
Chemistry.—Young, 1.
Mechanical Drawing.—Cobam, 1; Mauermann, 2.
Shorthand.—Smith, 1; Orr, 2.
Book-keeping.—Wheeler, 1.
Algebra.—Cooper, 1; Hoyne and Bogle (equal), 2.
Mensuration.—Dusbry, 1; Cooper, 2.
Commercial Arithmetic.—Cooper, 1; Hoyne, 2.
Euclid.—Cooper, 1; Hoyne, 2.
Elementary (upper).
Arithmetic.—Lunt, 1; Josey, 2.
English Composition.—Moss, 1; Brooke, 2.

Elementary (lower).

Arithmetic.—Jenkins, 1; Fitzgerald, 2; Brindal, 3.
English Composition.—Davidson, 1; Rickers, 2; Sewers and Brisbane (equal), 3.

It was mentioned during the evening that the cost of the whole of the prizes, which consisted of suitable books, was defrayed by the officers and employees of the Locomotive Department, Fremantle.

The meeting dispersed after the prizes had been distributed.